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SUBJECT:SENATE CUTOFF OF AID TO TURKEY

EXCERPT DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 1 NEWS BRIEFING FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY REACTION TO THE SENATE VOTE

YESTERDAY CUTTING OFF AID TO TURKEY?

A: WELL, THE WHITE HOUSE -- AND I BELIEVE MR. NESSEN
WILL BE ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO THAT SUBJECT -- DID PUT
OUT A STATEMENT THIS MORNING. I CAN ONLY SAY THAT AS
FAR AS THE EAGLETON AMENDMENT IS CONCERNED, WE FEEL VERY
STRONGLY THAT THIS WOULD BE SEVERELY DETRIMENTAL TO THE
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EFFORTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO HELP TO CONTRIBUTE

TO THE OBTAINING OF THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS CRISIS.

Q: IN WHAT WAY?

A: WELL, IT IS OUR JUDGMENT IT WOULD MAKE VERY DIFFICULT ANY EFFORT TO BE HELPFUL TO THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE CYPRUS QUESTION IN FINDING A SOLUTION.

Q: YOU MEAN BY CUTTING OFF AID TO TURKEY, THAT HURTS YOUR EFFORTS WITH GREECE?

A: WELL, LET ME JUST SAY THAT, OR REPEAT, THAT IT WOULD BE SEVERELY DETRIMENTAL, AND YOU WOULD HAVE TO DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS. I JUST WON'T SPECULATE.

Q: I DIDN'T ASK FOR SPECULATION.

A: I KNOW. BUT I THINK ANY ATTEMPT TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION WOULD BE SPECULATIVE.

Q: NOT IF YOU SAY THAT IT IS DETRIMENTAL TO YOUR EFFORTS WITH ALL OF THE PARTIES TO THE CRISIS, WHEN THE AMENDMENT AFFECTS ONLY ONE PARTY.

A: WELL, I WILL JUST STAND ON WHAT I SAID. END QUOTE INGERSOLL

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